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Winter Wheat Developing Rapidly

May 12 - Warm temperatures and scattered thunderstorm activity broke out nearly daily through mid week, but a cold front came through on Thursday cooling things off considerably. Significant precipitation was received in many areas. Counties in the Northeast district where dry conditions and low pond water levels had forced livestock producers to haul water are now reporting substantial improvement to both pond water levels and pasture growth. Roger Mills county reported winds have dried out fields and they are in need of a soaking rain in order for producers to finish spring planting. Haskell county reported high winds and hail caused serious damage to corn, early soybeans, vegetables, and fruit trees. Despite widespread rain, soil moisture supplies continued to dry up in some areas. Statewide, topsoil moisture supplies were rated 18 percent very short, 24 percent short, 55 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus, compared with 14 percent very short, 20 percent short, 62 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus the previous week. Statewide, there were 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	18	24	55	3
Last Week	14	20	62	4
Last Year	2	31	62	5

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	27	27	45	1
Last Week	27	24	47	2
Last Year	1	17	78	4

SMALL GRAINS- Winter wheat development has benefitted from timely rains and progressed rapidly. The crop remains highly variable, but was rated in mostly fair or good condition. Conditions were also favorable for oats to develop with slightly more than a third of the crop already entering the dough stage. The majority of this year's oats crop was rated in fair or good condition. Statewide, crop insect activity continues to be rated mostly light or none. Comanche county reported army worm moths were out in large populations.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending May 12, 2002

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Wheat					
This Week	20	14	28	33	5
Last Week	22	14	29	31	4
Last Year	13	22	39	21	5
Rye					
This Week	13	13	22	48	4
Oats					
This Week	8	18	37	34	3

the five year average. Corn was leading the way, with 65 percent of the crop already emerged compared with 45 percent the previous week, 61 percent last year, and 52 percent normally. Peanut planting was gaining momentum with 27 percent complete, but was running behind last years pace of 51 percent, and the five year average of 33 percent. Cotton planting was also picking up with an additional 21 points completed last week.

HAY: The first cutting of alfalfa hay was nearing the halfway point, at 49 percent, but was still running behind last year and the average pace. Areas where it has been wet reported having to wait on fields to dry before they could begin cutting. First cutting of other hay caught up with the average pace of 24 percent complete. Both alfalfa and other hay were rated in mostly fair or good condition.

Minor Commodities: Watermelons were 65 percent planted Statewide, slightly ahead of last years 59 percent, but behind the normal of 77 percent. Watermelons that have been planted were rated in mostly fair or good condition. Peaches were rated in mostly fair or good condition with below average fruit set. Strawberries were rated in mostly fair or good condition with less than average fruit set.

PASTURE: Statewide, range and pasture condition were rated in mostly fair or good condition. Some Western counties have begun to show signs of stress. Areas where pastures were green, growth has slowed or stopped and yellowing is occurring.

LIVESTOCK: Livestock continue to be rated in mostly fair or good condition. Statewide, insect activity was rated mostly light to moderate. Washington county reported that tick population, were very large this year and flies were becoming a problem. Cattle auctions reported an increase in marketings for the week. The price for feeder steers less than 800 pounds increased slightly from last week and averaged \$80.40 per cwt. The price for feeder heifers less than 800 pounds increased from last week and averaged \$74.00 per cwt.

HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending May 12, 2002

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	2	6	32	53	7
Other Hay	2	9	39	39	3

LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending May 12, 2002

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	3	8	29	51	9
Pasture & Range	8	13	25	40	14

ROW CROPS: Conditions have been favorable for row crop development with all the major row crops emerging ahead of

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS									
Week Ending May 12, 2002									
Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr. Avg	Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr. Avg
Percent Development					Percent Development				
Wheat -					Peanuts -				
Headed	96	90	90	89	Seedbed Prepared	92	84	97	88
Soft Dough	37	12	22	20	Planted	27	12	51	33
					Emerged	12	n/a	16	8
Oats -					Cotton -				
Jointing	89	81	88	92	Seedbed Prepared	95	90	94	90
Headed	53	29	46	66	Planted	40	19	35	19
Soft Dough	35	n/a	15	18	Emerged	15	n/a	14	5
Corn -					Alfalfa -				
Seedbed Prepared	93	90	95	99	1 st Cutting	49	25	77	57
Planted	91	87	92	88					
Emerged	65	45	61	52	Other Hay -				
					1 st Cutting	24	7	36	24
Sorghum -					Watermelons -				
Seedbed Prepared	61	55	71	61	Planted	65	48	59	77
Planted	21	13	31	13					
Emerged	10	n/a	22	7					
Soybeans -									
Seedbed Prepared	70	64	79	80					
Planted	33	24	50	34					
Emerged	20	n/a	29	16					

WEATHER FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 12, 2002 - Temperatures ranged from 36 degrees at Goodwell on Thursday, May 9th to 100 degrees at Beaver on Tuesday, May 7th. Precipitation averaged 0.06 in. West Central district to 2.22 in. Northeast district. Individual Mesonet Stations ranged from 0.00 in. at Buffalo and Hollis to 5.06 in. at Miami. Soil temperatures averaged 63 degrees at Weatherford on Sunday, May 12th to 81 degrees at Waurika on Monday May 6th.

MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA							
Week Ending May 12, 2002							
Districts	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	This Week	March 1 to May 12, 2002		
					Total	Departure from Normal	Percent of Normal
Degrees			Inches				
Panhandle	81	50	65.6	0.07	1.02	- 3.76	21
West Central	79	58	67.4	0.06	3.80	- 3.09	55
Southwest	81	60	70.4	0.13	5.82	- 1.04	85
North Central	78	57	67.3	0.62	4.04	- 3.42	54
Central	78	61	69.5	0.43	6.90	- 2.04	77
South Central	81	64	72.2	0.86	10.77	+ 1.29	114
Northeast	76	59	68.0	2.22	8.59	- 1.20	88
East Central	79	63	71.0	1.64	10.76	+ 0.06	101
Southeast	81	65	73.0	1.31	15.59	+ 4.16	136